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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO DACCA ON SEP 30.
NOW REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CALCUTTA 2068

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR EAGR SWEL IN BG

SUBJ: BANGLADESH NATIONALS COMING TO INDIA

1. BEGINNING LAST THURSDAY AND CONTINUING TO SEPT. 30 THE CALCUTTA BENGALI LANGUAGE PRESS, ESPECIALLY THE MASS CIRCULARION AND USUALLY RELIABLE ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA, HAVE NOTED THAT A "LARGE NUMBER: OF BANGLADESH NATIONALS ARE CROSSING THE BORDER FROM JESSORE AND KHULNA DISTRICTS INTO TWENTY FOUR PARGANAS DISTRICT OF WEST BENGAL. THE STORIES, LONG ON TALES OF WOE AND ECONOMIC DISTRESS, HAVE BEEN SHORT ON FIGURES, BUT IS DOES APPEAR THAT HUNDREDS RATHER THAN THOUSANDS ARE BEING MENTIONED. ACCORDING TO ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA TODAY, 1346 BANGLADESH NATIONALS HAVE BEEN FORCEABLY (BY BORDER SECURITY FORCES) RETURNED TO BANGLADESH IN THE PAST 26 DAYS.

2. SEPT. 30 ENGLISH LANGUAGE HINDUSTHAN STANDARD, SISTER PAPER OF ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA HAS A FRONT-PAGE PICTURE OF SOME
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HUMAN BEINGS IN THE MIDST OF A PADDY FIELD WITH A BORDER SIGN

IN THE BACKGROUND READING, "BANGLADESH: WELCOME TO BANGLADESH."
THE PHOTO IS CAPTIONED: "DESTITUTES FROM BANGLADESH ENTERING
INDIA NEAR BONGAON THROUGH JUTE AND PADDY FIELDS ON SUNDAY."

3. IT MAY JUST BE A FLUKE BUT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT OF THOSE
DESTITUTES INTERVIEWED BY THE CALCUTTA PRESS ALL ARE HINDU.

4. WE WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO FOLLOW THIS CLOSELY AND WILL
REPORT FURTHER AS AND WHEN WE HEAR THINGS OF INTEREST.
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